Provision of the residential Telephones to the Doctors in the N.D.M.C.

463. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 784 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th October, 1982 regarding doctors in NDMC and state:

(a) what is the number of doctors in N.D M.C. who are wroking round the clock;

(b) what is the number of such doctors who have been provided residential telephones so far;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when these doctors are likely to be provided telephones at their residence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) There are 9 doctors in N.D.M C. on duty round the clock. They have been provided with residential telephone facilities.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

International Traffic through Calcutta Airport

464 SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international passenger traffic through Calcutta Airport has, of late, been increasing at a rate higher than the other International Airports of the country.

(b) the name of other new foreign Air-lines who have agreed to operate through Calcutta and when they propose to start operating; and

(c) the reason for which Air India is not introducing more flights through Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the recent past, the airlines of the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Spain, Austria, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Singapore, U.A.E., and Jordan have been offered Calcutta. Whereas the airlines of Bulgria, Poland, U.A.E. and Jordan have accepted in principle the offer to operate to Calcutta but given no dates. Singapore and Yugoslavia airlines have already introduced services to/via Calcutta.

(c) Air India has introduced a once-weekly India/Hongkong service through Calcutta from April, 1987.

Postal and Telecom facilities in Andhra Pradesh

465. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set up by the Government to open post offices, villages post Offices, branch post offices and new telephone exchanges and telegraph offices in Andhra Pradesh during the current year and in the year 1988;

(b) whether the targets set for the year, 1984-85, 1985-86 were fully achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN